

ST JOHNS COUNTY CIVIC ROUNDTABLE
MINUTES OF MEETING

July 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Lofgren at 9:14 am

The minutes of the June 9, 2014 were accepted as read.

President Lofgren reported for the treasurer that the bank balance was \$2172 .19 with 11 paid members for 2014.

President Lofgren introduced Ms. Janet Stanko, regional lead for the Sierra Club of Northeast Florida. Janet talked on Amendment 1 to the Florida Constitution which will be voted on this November.

Amendment 1 will protect Florida's drinking water, fund restoring recharge areas, manage existing covenants of conservation lands and provide funds for the purchase of new conservation areas. There will be no tax increase due to this amendment. It will be funded by 33% of the existing revenue from documentary stamps. This amendment will dedicate approximately 10 billion dollars for the next 20 years for conservation. Janet asked the Civic Roundtable to endorse this amendment.

General Discussion

There was some discussion on the requirement that vehicles driving on the beaches must be 4 wheel drive. Jerry Cameron, assistant county administrator, said that many vehicles were getting stuck on the beaches due to soft sand and that we are running out of room for vehicles on the beach.

Sarah Bailey presented flood maps of the county to stress the

importance of preserving our wetland areas. Even though the county has had the road through 12 mile swamp deleted we must continue to have vigilance.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50

Respectfully submitted

Ed Olsen

Secretary